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Prof. Habil. Dr. Vytautas Nekrošius is a Lithuanian lawyer, a civil novelist, a promoter and an improver of the Civil Procedure Code, the Vilnius University Faculty of Law professor, the habilitated doctor of law (2004), expert member (from 2007) and full member (from 2011) of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences (LMA) Humanities and Social Sciences Department. He is the Chairman of the Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration since 2003. Since 2002 June until 2012 September prof. Nekrošius took office of the Dean of the Vilnius University Faculty of Law. Research interests – Roman Law (Civil Law), Civil Procedure Law, Notary, Arbitration. Since 1996 he was a member of the drafting group of the new Civil Procedure Code and also participated in drafting the Law on Courts, the Bailiff Law, the Bar and the Notary Laws and their amendments. Expert of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania regularly invited to the hearings (civil procedure, notary matters), from 1995 to 1996 consultant of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania; from 1996 until 1998 is an adviser for the Minister of Justice in civil law and civil procedure issues. From 2015 Vytautas Nekrošius is a Head of the Department of the Private Law at the Vilnius University, since 2016 - president of the Lithuanian Lawyers Association.



Prof. Habil. Dr. Valentinas Mikelėnas is a Lithuanian lawyer and one of the most prominent Lithuanian civil law scholars at Vilnius University. Mr. Mikelėnas was the Head of the Drafting Group of the Civil Code of Lithuania in 1991. He is also one of the Founding Members of the European Law Institute, a non-profit organisation that conducts research, makes recommendations and provides practical guidance in the field of European legal development with a goal of enhancing the European legal integration. Since 2014 he is a partner at the law firm TARK GRUNTE SUTKIENE, from 2006 until 2014 – a partner at a professional law partnership the Baltic Legal Solutions Lietuva, since 2006 – a professor at the Department of Civil Law and Civil Procedure, Faculty of Law, Vilnius University and from 1997 until 2006 he was a Judge of the Supreme Court of Lithuania. Mr. Mikelėnas is the author of numerous articles and co-author of the book International Commercial Arbitration (in Lithuanian). Now Mr. Mikelėnas practices in dispute resolutions (arbitration, mediation & ADR).



Loukas Mistelis is the Clive Schmitthoff Professor of transnational law and arbitration and director of the School of International Arbitration at Queen Mary University of London. He is a member of the academic committee of the Institute of Transnational Arbitration; the advisory board of EFILA; the academic committee of AIPN; and the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators. He is also president of the Court of CEDRAC. Professor Mistelis has been a member of the Athens Bar since 1993 and frequently sits as an arbitrator.



Dr. Réka Àgnes Papp is an associate to Professor Tercier specialising in international commercial and investment arbitration. Before joining the team of Professor Tercier, she was a lecturer at the MIDS Geneva LL.M with a focus on international arbitration, private international law and European competition law. She holds a summa cum laude PhD from the University of Nancy in France and a J.D. from the University of ELTE in Budapest. She worked as a teaching assistant at the University of Nancy and did an internship at the Court of Justice of the European Union. While living in Vienna, she worked as an associate at a law firm in the field of international commercial arbitration and energy law.



Annette Magnusson is Secretary General of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC) since 2010. She joined SCC from the law firm Mannheimer Swartling in Stockholm and before that Baker & McKenzie, Sweden. Ms Magnusson is the author or editor of several publications on international arbitration, including *Arbitrating for Peace* (Kluwer, 2017) and *International Arbitration in Sweden* (Kluwer, 2013). She has initiated a number of policy initiatives, including the Stockholm Treaty Lab international crowdsourcing challenge to innovate international law for climate change mitigation and adaptation.



Vladimir Khvalei is a partner in the Moscow office of Baker & McKenzie and heads the firm's CIS Dispute Resolution Practice Group. Mr. Khvalei has wide experience participating in litigation in Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus and Ukraine, as well as in international arbitration cases in accordance with the arbitration rules of the ICAC, UNCITRAL, ICC, SCC and other arbitration institutions. Mr. Khvalei is a Vice-President of the ICC International Court of Arbitration. Mr. Khvalei is also included on the list of arbitrators of the arbitration institutions in Austria, Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Dubai; he is a Chairman of the Arbitration Commission of the Russian National Committee of the ICC, a Vice-Chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee and a Member of the Board of the International Arbitration Court at the Belarusian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is also a member the Polish Arbitration Association, the Austrian Arbitration Association and the Member of a Board of the Ukrainian Arbitration Association. Mr. Khvalei is included on the list of tutors, examiners and assessors of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. Mr. Khvalei graduated with a degree in law from the Belarusian State University in Minsk in 1992.



Dr. Eglė Zemlytė is a lecturer at Private Law Department of the Law Faculty of Vilnius University. She teaches international commercial arbitration (in both Lithuanian and English) as well as law on civil procedure. Her research focuses on international arbitration, alternative dispute resolution and law on civil procedure. She is a co-author of the Commentary to the Law on Commercial Arbitration of the Republic of Lithuania and an author or co-author of various publications on arbitration and other dispute resolution methods. She has also been admitted to the bar of the Republic of Lithuania and has been practicing as the counsel in various arbitration and litigation cases for almost 15 years. She has represented Lithuanian and foreign companies in arbitration cases under various arbitration rules (SCC, ICC, LCIA, VCCA, UNCITRAL Rules) as well as in Lithuanian courts. Before joining a boutique law firm to focus on her career as an arbitrator she was an attorney-at-law at one of the biggest law firms in Lithuania. She regularly sits as arbitrator or chairs arbitrations under the rules of the Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration.



Corinne Montineri is a Legal Officer in the International Trade Law Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). UNCITRAL is the core legal body of the United Nations in the field of international trade law. Her main field of activity relates to dispute settlement, and technical assistance to law reform in the field of arbitration and mediation, which includes advising UN Member States on draft arbitration and mediation laws, and on compatibility of existing laws with UNCITRAL standards. She has been servicing the sessions of the UNCITRAL Working Group II (Arbitration and Conciliation) since October 2003 and is the Secretary of Working Group II since January 2009.



Dr. Jan Kleinheisterkamp is associate Professor at the Law Department of the London School of Economics, where his research and teaching focuses on international arbitration and contracts, conflicts of laws and comparative law, and investment treaty law and transnational law. He is a visiting professor at the Graduate Institute of Geneva (MIDS, Switzerland), the Université Panthéon-Assas – Paris II (France) and at the Université catholique de Louvain (Belgium), and has lectured at the Peking University (China), Bilgi University and Koç University (both Istanbul / Turkey). Jan is a member of the Governing Body for Dispute Resolution of the ICC and a member of the Advisory Group on International Arbitration of the UK Government. He has served as a sole arbitrator, as presiding arbitrator and as party-appointed arbitrator in numerous cases under ICC, LCIA and UNCITRAL rules, in diverse matters such as international sales, loans, joint ventures and consulting contracts in sectors such as public works, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals and aeronautics. He is also a member of the panels of arbitrators of the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRC, Malaysia); the Arbitration Centre of the Chamber of Commerce of Lima (Peru); the Commercial Arbitration Centre of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Lisbon (Portugal). He also has experience in the ICANN gTLD expertise procedure and as an expert to courts and as a consultant in his area of specialization. In particular, he has authored two reports for the European Parliament on investment law and EU law.



Rikard Wikström-Hermansen is one of the leading experts in dispute resolution/arbitration in Sweden. He has represented Swedish, foreign and multinational corporations before courts and arbitral tribunals under various arbitration rules such as the SCC, the ICC, the SIAC and the UNCITRAL rules. The disputes have involved many different business sectors, such as oil & gas, construction, insurance, M&A disputes, IT and pharmaceuticals. Rikard also regularly sits as arbitrator and has chaired several international arbitrations involving German, Russian, Spanish, Estonian, Norwegian and Swedish parties. He is a Stockholm-based Partner at Roschier. Before joining Roschier in 2017 he was a Partner at White & Case, Stockholm. Rikard is also a member of Stockholm Center for Commercial Law (SCCL) research panel on Arbitration and Other Dispute Resolution, the author of number of publications on arbitration as well as frequent speaker at various conferences and events dedicated to international arbitration.



Dr. Rimantas Simaitis, MCI Arb is a partner, Head of the Dispute Resolution Practice, Attorney-at-Law, Arbitrator, Mediator at COBALT Legal. Practicing in litigation, alternative dispute resolution (negotiation, arbitration, mediation), penal law and procedure, energy law, and transport law for over 17 years. Rimantas is an associate professor, senior research worker at Vilnius University Faculty of Law. Rimantas is actively engaged in mediation, civil procedure and other dispute resolution systems, legal ICT systems and software development and respective legislation development for more than 12 years.



Erik Schäfer is partner of Cohausz & Florack, a Düsseldorf boutique firm focussing mainly on all aspects of protecting and commercially exploiting technology and intellectual property. 1983 he graduated in Law from the University of Freiburg/Germany and qualified for the bar (2nd State Exam.) in 1987. His main areas of practice are arbitration, matters with a technical 'flavour' (especially IP and IT), trademarks, copyright, unfair competition, and commercial law. Since 1994 he has been acting either as counsel or arbitrator in national and international arbitration proceedings. The subject matters of the disputes included inter alia software-projects, engineering and construction, oil-exploration & development, licenses, outsourcing, purchase-, distribution-, and R&D agreements, service and marketing contracts, shareholder- and IP-purchase agreements, e-payment clearance, commercial secrets and patent vindication, agency agreements. Erik co-chaired the Task Force on IT & Arbitration and co-chaired the Task Force on Expertise Proceedings of the ICC Commission on Arbitration. He is member of the Emergency Arbitrator Task Force. He was member of the eDisclosure Task Force and chaired the Austrian German Section of the CEA. In 2015 he was appointed trustee of the DIAC until 2018. He is member of GRUR, LES, MARQUES, ASA, CEA, IBA, ICCA, CELA, and DIS. He is listed by HIAC, KLRC, and SIAC (2015) as ip-dispute panelist. He is a trained mediator.



Jonas Kupinas is CEO of UAB "S4ID". Jonas is information system development professional with experience in development of various case management systems: arbitration, Lithuanian courts, criminal case, penal enforcement and other. He is one of the main designers and developers of electronic arbitration case management system ARBIS used at the Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration.



Benjamin Siino is a counsel in Shearman & Sterling's International Arbitration and Public International Law practices. His experience includes international ad hoc arbitrations, including under UNCITRAL Rules, and institutional arbitrations under the Rules of the ICC and ICSID, with a strong focus on energy, investment and general commercial arbitrations, as well as arbitrations related to Africa. Benjamin Siino also acts as counsel in litigation proceedings before French courts, with a focus on proceedings to seek the recognition and enforcement of arbitral awards and foreign judgments. He also acts as a Research Assistants' Team Leader for the New York Convention Guide Project, a joint research project by UNCITRAL, Shearman & Sterling and Columbia University, which led to the publication of the UNCITRAL Secretariat Guide on the Convention on the Recognition and Enforcement of Arbitral Awards (co-authored by Emmanuel Gaillard, head of Shearman & Sterling's International Arbitration practice) and its online platform, newyorkconvention1958.org, which notably contains over 2000 decisions from national courts throughout the world. Before joining Shearman & Sterling, Benjamin practiced as an associate in the Dispute Resolution team of a French law firm, focusing on general commercial litigation and arbitration-related matters. He also worked as an Analyst consultant for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and for the French Ministry of Defence.



Audrius Zujus is CTO and Co-owner of BPTI (Baltic Institute of Advanced Technology), dedicated member of two NATO Science and Technology groups. Audrius is a founder of the first Artificial Intelligence meetup in Lithuania.



Vilija Vaitkutė Pavan is an attorney and Partner at Valiunas Ellex and a head of the Lithuania Dispute Resolution practice group. Vilija is actively engaged in arbitration and serves as an arbitrator and a counsel to numerous international and domestic arbitration proceedings under arbitration rules of the ICC, SCC, FCCC, CCIG, LCIA, UNCITRAL ad hoc arbitration rules and rules of the Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration. Chambers Global states that Vilija "is the only lawyer representing Lithuania in the International Court of Arbitration of the ICC World Council, the world's largest arbitration institution". Vilija gives lectures at international conferences and is the author of a number of articles and papers on arbitration. Fields of expertise: International & Domestic Arbitration, Litigation, Mediation & Other ADR, Reorganization, Insolvency, Liquidation, Energy & Utilities, International, EU & Domestic Trade, Aviation, Maritime & Other Transport. Since 2014 Mrs. V. Vaitkutė Pavan is a member of International Arbitration Institute in Paris (IAI), since 2011 - recommended arbitrator of the Polish Lewiatan Court of Arbitration, since 2010 to - recommended arbitrator of International Commercial Arbitration Court (ICAC), Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Russian Federation, since 1997 recommended arbitrator of the Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration, since 2009 - Swedish Arbitration Association, 2008 - Association Arbitral Women, since 2007 - Chairwoman of Commission on Arbitration, ICC Lithuania, since 2006 - International Court of Arbitration of ICC (member for Lithuania), ex officio member of ICC Commission on Arbitration.

PROGRAM*

October 19, 2018
(Artis Centrum Hotels, Totoriu str. 23, Vilnius, Lithuania)

9:30 **Registration of Participants**

10:00 **Opening of the Conference**

Minister of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania (TBC)

Prof. habil. dr. VYTAUTAS NEKROŠIUS, Chairman of the Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration

10:20 **PANEL 1: 60 Years of the New York Convention**

Moderated by **prof. habil. dr. VALENTINAS MIKELĖNAS**, Partner at law firm TGS Baltic, Professor at Law Faculty of Vilnius University

10:25 **Prof. LOUKAS MISTELIS**, Professor at Queen Mary, University of London, Professor and Director of School of International Arbitration
Successes and Failures of the NYC in its 60 year History

10:45 **Dr. RĖKA PAPP**, Associate at the Office of Prof. Pierre Tercier, former lecturer at the MIDS Geneva LL.M in International Dispute Settlement
Issue preclusion under the New York Convention: a phenomenon undermining the objectives of the NYC or a useful tool to manage multiple enforcement proceedings?

11:05 **Ms ANNETTE MAGNUSSON**, Secretary General of the Arbitration Institute of the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce
Application of the NYC in Sweden

11:25 **Mr VLADIMIR KHVALEI**, Partner at Moscow Branch of Baker & McKenzie CIS, Limited
Application of the NYC in Russia: RAA survey

11:45 Discussion

12:00 **Lunch break**

13:20 **PANEL 2: The Future of the New York Convention**

Moderated by **dr. EGLĖ ZEMLYTĖ**, independent arbitrator, Lecturer at Law Faculty of Vilnius University

13:25 **Ms CORINNE MONTINERI**, Legal Officer at the UNCITRAL Secretariat
The potential impact of investor States Dispute Settlement reform on the New York Convention

13:45 **Dr. JAN KLEINHEISTERKAMP**, Associate Professor at London School of Economics
Application of the NYC in the European Union: the role of the EU law in the interpretation of the NYC provisions

14:05 **Mr RIKARD WIKSTRÖM-HERMANSEN**, Partner at ROSCHIER, Stockholm Office
Enforcement of annulled awards: can unified approach be expected in the future?

14:25 Discussion

14:40 **Coffee break**

15:05 **PANEL 3: Challenges of use of information and communication technologies (ICT) in international arbitration**

Moderated by **dr. RIMANTAS SIMAITIS**, Partner at Law Offices COBALT, Associate Professor at Law Faculty of Vilnius University, Arbitrator

15:10 **Mr ERIK SCHÄFER**, attorney-at-law, partner at COHAUSZ & FLORACK Patent- und Rechtsanwälte, chair of the Task Force on IT & Arbitration of the ICC Commission on Arbitration
Use of ICT in international arbitral proceedings – how to ensure reliable, efficient and fair process?

15:30 **Mr JONAS KUPINAS**, CEO at UAB "S4ID"
Challenges and benefits of use of arbitration case management systems

15:50 **Mr BENJAMIN SIINO**, Avocat à la Cour, Counsel at Shearman & Sterling, Paris
The New York Convention Guide and webplatform (newyorkconvention1958.org)

16:10 **Mr AUDRIUS ZUJUS**, CTO@BPTI / Baltic Institute of Advanced Technologies
Legal and ethical problems of application of artificial intelligence (AI) tools for arbitral proceedings

16:30 Discussion

16:45 Closing remarks: **Ms VILIJA VAITKUTĖ PAVAN**, Partner at Valiūnas Ellex, Arbitrator

16:55 End of conference

18:00 Dinner
(For participants, who registered to the dinner (upon separate fee) and speakers of the conference)

REGISTRATION FEE:

Early-bird registration fee **received by 1 September 2018** - EUR 180 +VAT 21%

Regular registration fee **received from 1 September 2018** - EUR 230 + VAT 21%

Dinner: EUR 50 + VAT 21%

Registration fee includes: attendance to the conference, materials, beverages during the coffee breaks, lunch.

! To benefit from early bird rates, please note that we must receive the payment before indicated early bird deadline.

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<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSekxTNNNBkLRy7LYYUJTpRDnY2U72GmXB6cOQ0IkY9swuAeWg/viewform>.

After the registration is submitted and fee(s) paid you will receive a confirmation email from:

info@arbitrazas.lt or d.liubina@arbitrazas.lt.

The last day for registration is 18 October 2018.

CANCELLATION:

Participants wishing to cancel the participation shall inform Vilnius Court of Commercial Arbitration in writing before 19 September 2018, 50% of participant's fee will be refunded. After 19 September 2018 fees are not refundable.

The registration may be transferred to another person at no extra charge under the written notice with the name and details of the new participant made to d.liubina@arbitrazas.lt until 18 October 2018 at latest.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION:

Participants are responsible for their travel arrangements and bookings of accommodation. For your convenience, we are recommending the following hotels near the conference place:

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Novotel Hotel: www.novotel.com

Kempinski Hotel: www.kempinski.com

Amberton Hotel: <http://ambertonhotels.com/en/vilnius/>